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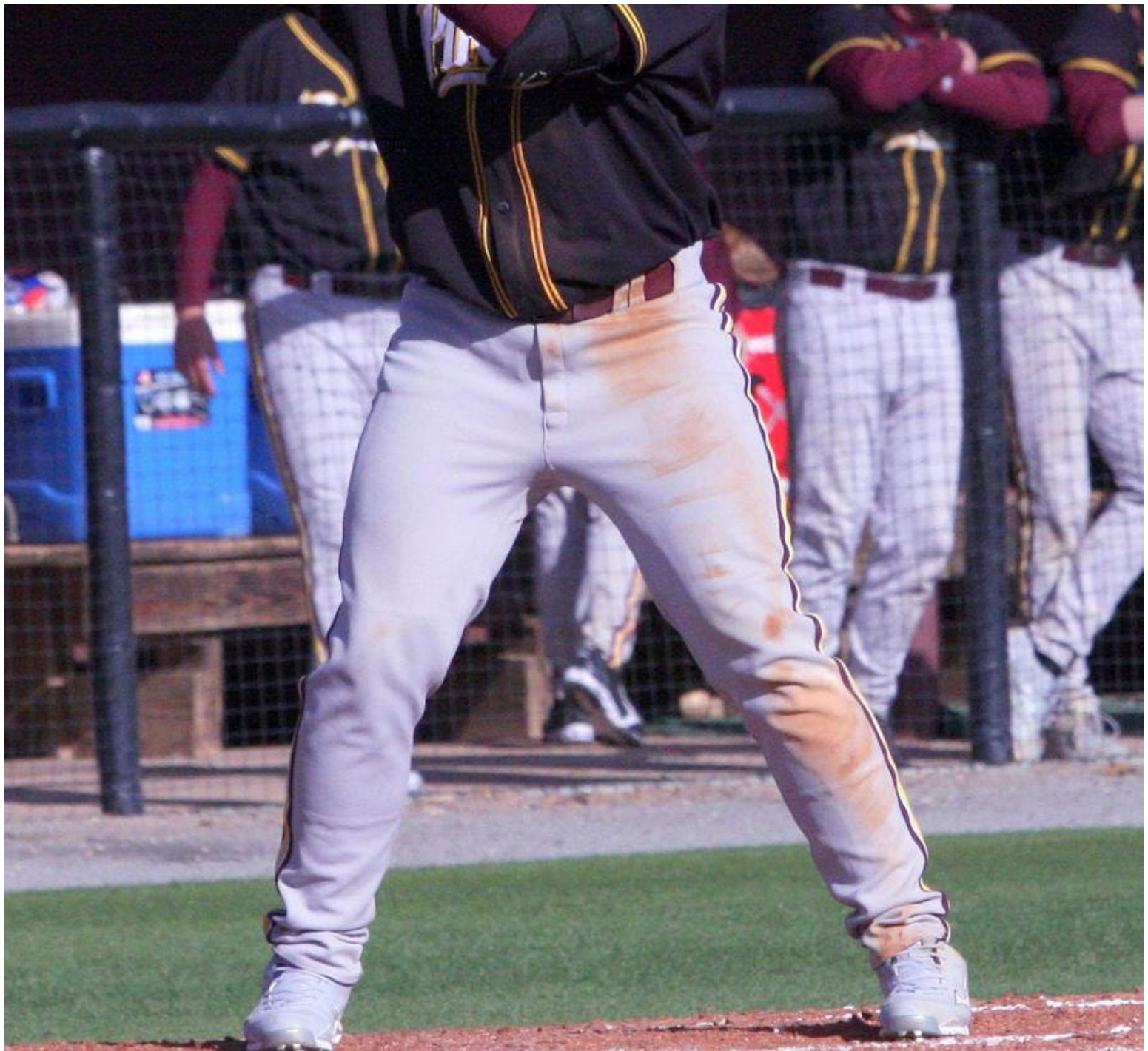
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USC AIKEN		Game 1												ARMSTRONG	
6	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	7	
	USC AIKEN (14-4)	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	12	3		
	ARMSTRONG (10-5)	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	X	7	8	0		

USC AIKEN		Game 2												ARMSTRONG	
12	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	8	
	USC AIKEN (15-4)	3	3	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	12	17	1		
	ARMSTRONG (10-6)	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	8	12	2		





Posted: Mar 09, 2013

SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong Atlantic State University baseball squad split a Peach Belt Conference doubleheader with No. 6-ranked USC Aiken on Saturday at Pirate Field. The Pirates took game one, 7-6, but the Pacers won the nightcap, 12-8.

Armstrong (10-6, 4-6 PBC) will face the Pacers (15-4, 6-2 PBC) at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday at Pirate Field in the rubber game of the three-game series between the two teams.

Playing in its first game away from home after a season-opening 17-game homestand, USC Aiken jumped out to a 3-0 lead in game one thanks to a two-run triple from Ben Donath and an RBI groundout by

Game 1

BATTING

USC AIKEN

2B: Bryce Baur; Bill Gerstenslager

3B: Ben Donath

HR: Jj Loker

ARMSTRONG

2B: Chris Zittrouer

3B: none

Sean Miller in the top of the second inning.

Armstrong answered with three runs in the bottom of the second inning on an RBI single by **Chris Fritts** and a two-run single by **Cody Sherlin**. USC Aiken pushed across a run in the top of the third inning on a Bill Gerstenslager RBI double, but the Pirates took the lead for good in the bottom of the fourth inning with three runs.

Caleb Woods (2-1), making his first collegiate start, picked up the win for the Pirates by hurling seven innings of six-run ball, striking out three while scattering 12 hits. **Juan Vera** notched his first save of the season, hurling two innings of perfect relief after coming into the eighth inning and pitching out of a two-on, nobody out jam.

Ryan Milewski (2-2) took the game one loss for the Pacers, giving up five hits and six runs - four earned - in 3 1/3 innings of work, walking two while striking out two.

Fritts went 3-for-4 with two RBIs while Sherlin and **Chris Zittrouer** each had two hits to pace the Pirates offensively in game one. Ryan Metzler went 3-for-3 to lead USC Aiken at the plate in game one.

In game two, the Pacers jumped out to a 6-0 lead with three-run frames in the first and second innings. Gerstenslager had RBI doubles in each of the two innings for USC Aiken.

Armstrong answered with four runs in the bottom of the second inning on bases-loaded walks to Fritts and **Will Thomas**, as well as an RBI single by **Dalton Johnson** and a sacrifice fly by **Casey Maloney**.

USC Aiken built the lead back to six with single runs in the third and fourth innings, then added two in the fifth to make the score 10-4. The Pirates moved back to within three on a bases-clearing double by Fritts, but the Pacers scored twice in the top of the eighth - on a two-run single by Dylan Durham - to effectively put the game away.

Derek Beasley moved to 5-0 on the season for the Pacers with five innings of eight-hit, four-run ball in game two, walking three while striking out seven. **Chris Base** (2-2) took the loss for the Pirates, giving up 10 hits and eight runs - six earned - in four innings of work, striking out five.

Fritts went 3-for-4 with four RBIs to lead Armstrong offensively in game two, while Ben Donath went 4-for-6 with four runs scored and Gerstenslager went 2-for-4 with three RBIs to lead the Pacers.



HR: none

FULL STATS

Game 2

BATTING

USC AIKEN

2B: Bryce Baur; Bill Gerstenslager 2; Ryan Metzler; Sean Miller

3B: Ben Donath

HR: none

ARMSTRONG

2B: **Chris Fritts**

3B: none

HR: none

FULL STATS

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